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CD131:2 Oswald-Messler Field Training

This brief paragraph is in so many ways a fascinating one!

"With all the records available and supplied, why the interest in this single one, in not apparent context and out of context? And what it doesn't say - that this was advanced training, over and above what he got at Jacksonville. Nor is the character of the school, if it has any special character (and I know one who went there, was sent to the Dominican Republic during that crisis -and was flown back to Washington for "debriefing"!)

The ambiguity of the last sentence is like the seventh veil: "The records fail to name any personnel assigned or attending above school with OSWALD".

Does this mean he was a one-man class? His record, naturally, would not. But the FBI report does not say his records. It says the records, and the records would, if there are others. Each class is numbered, etc., and there should be no trouble locating the records of that class at Messler, either at the main depot, at Lt. Louis, or at the school.

To begin with, note that the records are, by this time, not originals at the depot, they are "a photostatic copy" of the one thing. But that is the depot for all records- and all were obtained. Why the interest in this single one? Why did the "personnel" have to "advise"? Can't FBI agents read? For what purpose did SA Lewis go there- this single record? Then what does the report not say he has a copy and forwards it with the report? Is it possible there are other things to be avoided?

I'd appreciate it if Jim could take time to check the published and allegedly complete Marine record to see if this is in it and if it is, what else the record shows. I do believe, if possible, this should be carried further. I should like to use it in AGENT OSWALD and for this purpose, when it is not inconvenient, I'd appreciate an actual-size copy.

This is too out of the ordinary, even in what in this case is ordinary, to ignore or to assume it is that special FBI dictionary and nothing else that titillates. With the interview, dictation and typing all the same day, it is possible this was a phoned interview. But it is also a reflection of someone saying "quickly". HW